

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Masato Shimakawa, et al.
Serial No. : 09/749,345
For : SPEECH SYNTHESIZING APPARATUS, SPEECH SYNTHESIZING
METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2006, having a
three-month statutory period for response set to expire on December 21, 2006, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.